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Statement: Purpose of EPA and CDC Meeting in Charleston with Gov. Tomblin, other State Officials

EPA and CDC officials met with Gov. Tomblin and other State and Federal officials Feb. 5 in Charleston to discuss the ongoing response and cleanup of the chemical spill and agree on necessary actions going forward. Communications between State and Federal officials have occurred daily since day one of the spill. The Feb. 5 meeting and subsequent press briefing provided many of the key players an opportunity to talk face-to-face and clarify for the public their roles in the response. EPA and CDC sought to assure West Virginia citizens affected by the crisis that the two agencies are on the job fulfilling their respective public health and environmental responsibilities in support of the State, who has the lead for the response. EPA and CDC remain committed to supporting the State as necessary to complete the cleanup of the spill site, and to ensure appropriate actions are taken to protect people's health.

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